

SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
June 19, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Richardson
Sam Moore
Kim Hill

GUESTS PRESENT: Luan Thomas
Stewart Prost

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made to approve the agenda. It was seconded and all voted in favor. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 2013 meeting. It was seconded and all voted in favor, none opposed. There were no public comments.

Mr. Prost reminded the committee that June 1 is the start date for reporting abuse CHRIS. There have been some technical difficulties. Ms. Richardson asked if the report would show that an abuse allegation has been unfounded. Mr. Prost said it would.

Mr. Prost also mentioned that the Department has requested input concerning the revision of the Rights Regulations. Mr. Moore mentioned the Round Table presentations and felt it was a helpful way for providers to get together and share solutions to problems that everyone experiences. Additional information will be sent to the providers.

SEVTC will be the temporary home of START. START stands for Systematic Therapeutic Assessment and Respite Treatment. START is a major new state-wide program designed to assist people with ID and other developmental disabilities who exhibit challenging behaviors. The program has several main components including: (1) START Support Coordinators who will establish long-term supportive relationships with individuals and families living across Virginia (whether individuals live at home, in a group home, or a training center, etc.); (2) In-home services that provide for consultation and staffing in the persons home for up to three days; and (3) Short-term respite the START Home. Between now and November 1, Cottage 4D will be the START Respite Home. .

START is renovating a house in Hampton to be the permanent Respite Home. The renovations are expected to be complete by the end of October. Once the renovations are complete, the START respite program will move to Hampton.

The committee went into executive session pursuant to the Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A (4) for the purpose of reviewing limited or restrictive behavioral programs.

A motion was made to accept the information given during closed Executive Session and go into open session. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each their knowledge, only public business matters lawfully

exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters indentified in the motion to convene the executive session were discussed in the executive session.

A motion was made to approve the programs reviewed at the current meeting. It was seconded and all voted in favor.

A motion was made to recommend Mark Douglass to fill the Chairperson position for this committee. The motion was seconded and all present voted aye.

A motion was made to recommend Kim Hill to fill the Vice-Chairperson position for this committee. The motion was seconded and all present voted aye.

The next meeting will be held on July 17 starting at 9:00 am in building 3.

If you are unable to attend either meeting please contact Luan Thomas at 424-8305 or by email at Luan.Thomas@dbhds.virginia.gov. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Karen Richardson, Chairperson